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**ROCKVILLE OWNERS OF COMPUTECH, INC. SENTENCED FOR  
TAX EVASION AND POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today United States District Court Judge Peter J. Messitte sentenced Leon Chen, age 42, of Rockville, Maryland to 15 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$20,000 fine for tax evasion. His wife, Ka Lai Man (aka Angela Chen), age 44, also of Rockville, was sentenced to 60 days in prison and 4 months home detention followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$2,000 fine for receipt and possession of stolen property.

On September 30, 2003, Leon Chen, the president and owner of COMPUTECH, Inc. located at 10979 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland, pled guilty to income tax evasion for the tax year 1997. According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of the plea agreement, Leon Chen stated on his 1997 tax return filed with the IRS that his taxable income was \$61,845 and the amount of tax due was \$11,955, whereas Chen knew that he had substantial additional taxable income which he did not report. Chen understated his income between 1994 and 1997 for a tax loss of \$335,982.91.

Also on September 30, 2003, his wife Ka Lai Man, co-owner of COMPUTECH, Inc., pled

guilty to the sale and receipt of stolen computers in 1998. According to the statement of facts presented to the court, during the execution of federal search warrants on December 23, 1998, federal agents seized 16 stolen computers, 7 which were stolen from locations outside of Maryland. Ka Lai Man admitted that she was in possession of computers and computer related equipment that she knew had been stolen. The 7 stolen computers and related equipment, valued at \$23,377, were then sold to other Computech customers and the sales proceeds were deposited into bank accounts controlled by the Chens.

As part of the plea agreement, Leon Chen has agreed to pay restitution to the IRS in the amount of \$335,982.91. Chen will apply \$694,712 in U.S. currency, gold ingots, and jewelry seized during a related civil forfeiture in 1998 towards satisfying criminal restitution and any civil tax liability.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Odessa P. Jackson and Gina L. Simms.